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SUBJECT: NEW TWIST IN SOVIET PROTESTS ON FEDERAL ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF OTHER BUSINESS (SEPTEL,
SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR BELETSKIY FEBRUARY 25 DELIVERED
TO US POLAD PREDICTABLE SPEECH ON FEA. WHILE HE
REITERATED SOVIET THESIS THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF FEA
WOULD BE VIOLATION OF QA THAT COULD HAVE SERIOUS
CONSEQUENCES, HE PARTIKULARLY STRESSED ASSERTION THAT,
IF AGENCY ACTUALLY ESTABLISHED IN WEST BERLIN, EASTERN
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES--DESPITE INTEREST IN ENVIRONMENTAL
MATTERS-WOULD NOT COOPERATE WITH IT.

2. COMMENT: WHILE WE ARE DOUBTLESS IN FOR SOME
DIFFICULT DAYS AHEAD IN REGARD TO RUNNING BATTLE WITH
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SOVIETS ON FEDERAL TIES, BELETSKIY'S COMMENT ABOUT

NON-COOPERATION SUGGESTS THAT SOVIETS MAY UNDERSTAND
THAT FRG DECISION ON FEA IS POLITICALLY IRREVERSIBLE.
THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY EXPLOIT ISSUE FOR AS MUCH WESTERN
COMMITMENT AS POSSIBLE IN REGARD TO RESTRICTIONS ON
FEDERAL ACTIVITIES IN BERLIN, BUT THIS IS FIRST FAINT
HINT WE HAVE OBSERVED THAT SOVIETS MAY BE RESIGNED
TO FACT AGENCY WILL BE ESTABLISHED AS PLANNED.KLEIN
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